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On December 6, 2018, Dr. Henderson Lewis, OPSB's Superintendent and the team came to meet with the Craig's team to discuss Joseph A. Craig's letter grade of an "F". First and foremost, the Craig team emphasized that the unacceptable letter grade does not define the hard-working staff and students. The discussion focused on (a) the reason(s) for the unacceptable letter grade and (b) the indication of implemented practices for the purpose of increasing student outcomes. Test scores and poverty are intertwined, a fact that should always be considered in high poverty schools such as Joseph A. Craig. Rothstein (2008) states that it's no cop-out to acknowledge the effects of socioeconomic disparities on student learning. Rather, it is a vital step to closing the achievement gap.

Also, this venue gave the Craig's team an opportunity to discuss the much-needed oversight of the foundering One-App Program. Many examples of unfair treatment were cited.

Clearly, there are many things that the Craig team have implemented that will yield success. Listed below are things that are being implemented:

- **A New Curriculum** – Wit and Wisdom is a K-8 English curriculum that brings rich knowledge.
- **Eureka Math** – a digital assessment and practice tool that equips the teachers with a strong database designed help teachers track student progress and identify areas of need.
- **iReady** – an interactive online learning environment designed to assess students and provide individualized instruction based on each one's unique needs.
- **Targeted home-learning.**
- **Performance Assessments**
- **Incorporation of both quantitative and qualitative data**